GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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IMPROVEMENT IN TELECOM AND POSTAL SERVICES .
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any steps to improve the Telecom and Postal Services in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of telegraph offices, telecom centres, EMT service centres and B. fax centres functioning in the country, State-wise with particular reference to Tamil Nadu;

(d) the revenue generated through these service centres in the country, State-wise;

(e) whether the Government propose to set up new telegraph offices and Very Small Aperture Terminals (VSATs) in the country during the year 2000-2001 and 2001-2002; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS

(SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b):
Department of Telecom
Yes, Sir. The objectives of the Ninth Five Year Plan to improve Telecom Services in the country envisages:
(1) To replace life expired and Technologically obsolete switches with digital switches.
(2) To introduce Wireless in Local Loop, Highbit rate DigitalSubscriber Line (H.D.S.L.),Asymmetrical Digital Subscriber Line (A.D.S.L.) and Optical Fibre technologies in the Local network.
(3) To introduce better and reliable technologies for providing Village Public Teleophones.
(4) That all exchanges will have reliable media.
(5) To make available sufficient band width for the spread of Internet and Information Technology.
(6) To set up Internet nodes at SSA-Level at first and then upto DHQ level.
(7) To provide ISDN (Integrated Services Digital Network) facility.It has been planned to introduce ISDN upto DHQ level, subject to availability of demand.
(8) To provide IN (Intelligent Network) services in the first phase in 9 Major cities and in second phase all over the country.Department of Post
Yes, Sir. The Government has already introduced various applications of technology in the Postsuch as setting up of computer based multipurpose counter machines in important post offices with concept of single window for all kinds of transactions. Automatic Mail Processing Centreshave been established at Mumbai and Chennai.77 VSATs have been installed and another 62 are in the process of being installed. The VSATs are being used presently for money transfer and the VSAT network ultimately would be the intranet of the Department of Post.
(c) Number of Telegraph Office, Telecom Centre, EMT Service Centres and B.fax centers is given in Annexure-I.
(d) Revenue generated through these service centers in the country, is shown in Annexure-II.
(e) & (f):
Department of Telecom
With the expansion of telecom network and introduction of STD and FAX facilities,the demand for telegraph is steadily reducing. Therefore no specific targets have been fixed. Telegraph facility is provided as per demand and justification.
The MCPC-VSATs planned to be set up in the country for 2000-2001 & 2001-2002 are given in Annexure-III.This is subject to availability of equipments.
Department of Posts
Yes, Sir. 88 Very Small Aperture Terminals (VSATs) each are to be installed during the year 2000-2001. No more VSATs are proposed during 2001-2002.
ANNEXURE-I

Number of Telegraph Offices, Telecom Centres, EMT Service Centres and B.Fax Centres working during the year 1999-2000

Sl.No.	Name of Circle	No. of Telegraph Offices	No. of Telecom Centres	No. of EMT Centres	No. of B.fax Centres
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	1	0	0	2
2.	Andhra Pradesh	117	199	53	167
3.	Assam	29	12	0	27
4.	Bihar	59	43	0	83
5.	Delhi(NTR)	27	23	0	33
6.	Gujarat(Dadar Na Hav, Da & Diu)	40	11	0	48
7	Haryana	17	1	0	22
8.	Himachal Pradesh	13	14	0	25
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	9	5	0	11
10.	Karnataka	69	27	0	82
11.	Kerala				
1)	Lakshadeep				
2)	Pondicherry(Mahe)	39	99	20	135
12,	Madhya Pradesh	67	81	0	81
13.	Maharashtra (Goa)	99	42	43	121
14.	North East				
1)	Tripura				
2)	Mizoram				
3)	A.P.				
4)	Meghalaya				
5)	Manipur & Nagaland	13	14	0	13
15.	Orissa	30	7	0	29
16.	Punjab (Chandigarh)	27	18	0	36
17.	Rajasthan	47	50	0	94
18.	Tamilnadu (Pondicherry	108	100	40	213
19.	Uttar Pradesh (East)	69	132	0	75
20.	Uttar Pradesh(West)	49	81	0	75
21.	West Bengal (Sikkim)	44	19	0	56
	TOTAL	973	978	156	1428

ANNEXURE - II

Revenue generated from Telegraph Offices & Telecom Centres, EMT Centres and B/Fax Centres in 1998-1999.

(Rs. in thousands)

Sl.No.	Name of Circle	Tos & TCs	EMT Centres	B.Fax Centres
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	629	-	214
2.	Andhra Pradesh	83621	6659	8826
3.	Assam	11081	-	3110
4.	Bihar	13606	-	2655
5.	Delhi (NTR)	38001	-	266
6.	Gujarat (D.Nagr Hav. Daman & Diu)	22608	-	3666

7 Haryana 6508 - 4331

8. Himachal Pradesh 3450 - 2922

9. Jammu & Kashmir 5028 - 1355
10. Karnataka 43611 - 8901
11. Kerala
1) Lakshadeep
2) Pondicherry(Mahe) 18336 26 16351
12, Madhya Pradesh 21890 - 4115
13. Maharashtra (Goa) 92772 413 11230
14. North East
1) Tripura
2) Mizoram
3) A.P.
4) Meghalaya
5) Manipur &
Nagaland 5361 - 1713
15. Orissa 9798 - 3031
16. Punjab
1) Chandigarh 15059 - 2674
17. Rajasthan 23865 - 4538
18. Tamilnadu
1) Pondicherry 99890 3136 17444
19. Uttar Pradesh (East) 16679 - 3621
20. Uttar Pradesh(West) 13803 - 5144
21. West Bengal
1) Sikkim 16285 - 6351
Total 561881 10234 112458

Annexure - III

MCPC-VSAT PLANNED

S.NO. CIRCLE 2000-2001 2001-2002

1. Himachal Pradesh 18 13

2. J & K 12 32

3. U.P (W) 7 25

4. Rajasthan 20

5. Andhra Pradesh 20
6. Kerala 6 4

7 Karnataka 6 10

8. Maharashtra 28

9. M.P. 24 5
10. Bihar 5 11
11. Sikkim 1 5
12. North East 45 57
13. Tamil Nadu 3
14. A & N Islands 5

Total 164 198